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AN IMPORTANT MATTER

The vote for or against the saloons in four wards in this city next week means much more than appears on its face. If it is decided to exclude the saloons from those wards, the gain for that portion of the community opposed to the drink traffic will be very significant. If the saloon interests triumph in these wards, the cause of prohibition will be set back not only in the city, but in the whole province.

This is the issue, and the citizens should face it seriously. If they want the saloons, they should go to the polls and say so. If they desire to have the saloons closed, they should say so by their votes. It is the duty of every voter in those wards to take up the burden of personal responsibility, and vote for or against. This is really the most important fight in which the temperance forces of the province have engaged for years. St. John is the key to the situation. What is done here in respect to the liquor traffic affects the whole province. This is the fact the leaders in the no-license movement are seeking to impress upon the voters in the four wards directly concerned, and it is also the basis of the argument of the advocates of license, though from an entirely different motive. The vote, therefore, should be conclusive. The matter is one which cannot be ignored by good citizens. From whichever side they view the question it is their plain duty to give expression to their views at the ballot box. There is much at stake.

THE GLOBE'S GRIEF

The St. John Globe is deeply impressed by the report of the Central Railway Commission. Taking high moral ground, with that insinuating art which is peculiar to the Globe, an article is so written as to leave the impression that the report is a severe condemnation of the minister of public works. Reading the article, one may almost hear the regretful sighs of the Globe editor, forced by his acute reasoning faculty to pass sentence of condemnation upon a public man. For the Globe has loved Dr. Pugsley, and would be sorely grieved by his downfall. One can imagine its grief to see in the Toronto News (Conservative), this paragraph, which the Standard quotes today:—

"Mr. Pugsley, one of the most unstable of New Brunswick politicians, is minister of public works. Mr. Ellis, clean-handed, high-minded, devoted to the public interest, reliable in any emergency, has not been permitted to sit in a Laurier cabinet."

With a grief almost equal to that which moves it to sighs and tears for the sad fate of Dr. Pugsley, the Globe is also compelled to bring Lieutenant Governor Tweedie's neck to the block. This sacred sorrow is made more heart-rending, no doubt, by such thoughtless remarks as the following from the Toronto Telegram (Conservative):—

"Senator Ellis, of the St. John Globe, is generally accepted as likely to be the new governor of the province. He is a man of undoubted probity, one who has the respect of both political parties and one who has never stooped to worship at the altar of opportunism like other Liberals of the olden school."

It would be unkind to intrude upon the Globe's grief at this time. Those who know how it has loved and upheld Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Tweedie all these years can but draw aside in respectful sympathy, and permit the tears of agony to have free course.

OUR MILITARY SYSTEM

It is the opinion of Lieut. Col. Wm. Hamilton Merritt, R. O., president of the Canadian Military Institute, that Canada's military system lags far behind as a practical means for safeguarding a country. In a paper before the Institute in Toronto, he has gone very thoroughly into the whole question, reviewing the military systems of the world, and arriving at the conclusion that Canada occupies a unique and unenviable position. Lieut.-Col. Merritt goes very exhaustively into the subject, giving statistics, quoting authorities, and making comparisons. We may quote his concluding observations:—

"The last matter which I shall venture to touch on, in connection with this very important subject, is, to my mind, the crux of the whole position, and that is nothing more or less than popular indifference in Canada. Had our people been alive to the true position in which we are, from a military point of view—a veritable fool's paradise—they would long ago have discarded our present military system in favor of 'patriotic military service.' When I say the people of Canada I mean of course those of our own time, for our forefathers were wiser and indeed knew better what fighting for their country meant, after their hard lessons in 1812-13 and '14. What strikes an average Canadian more forcibly than almost anything else in the old world, is the real earnest, serious tone that is assumed by even civilians when it comes to the matter of national defence, and the safe guarding of flag and country. Military and civilians alike seem 'keyed-up,' under normal conditions, to what would be a 'war scare' pitch in this country. No matter whether we like to allow ourselves to think it or not, the ordinary state of mind towards the military organization of our people by our people is that it is purely 'fool business,' waste of time and wholly unnecessary. Forgetting the lesson of a hundred years ago they ask who is going to attack Canada? War with the United States is unthinkable! Japan is our ally, &c. We can only give the old answer in reply: If we do not need an armed organization capable of putting a real, earnest, strong defence—a united people striking all together for their homes and country—then we had better not spend money uselessly, and we should do away with all military expenditure, above all we should not waste it on a hopelessly inadequate and obsolete system. The great lesson for our countrymen to learn is that because we have a great and a potentially rich inheritance other countries will some day, if not now, wish to possess it, and that, instead of sneering at patriotism and soldiering, it should be held and taught that the highest duty and aspiration of every male citizen is to fit himself to defend that inheritance with his own hands and his own body and his own life. This is but a feeble indication of what the fathers and mothers of the Japanese have from generation to generation instilled into the minds of their children, and the fruits of which amazed the world in the late war. When we become more unselfish, when the individual learns that on him rests an obligation to fit himself for the defence of his home, his flag and his country, then and then only will Canada be safe, and by safe guarding Canada we can claim to have made secure the future right hand of a greater Empire than has been."

TRADE WITH FRANCE

Canada stands to gain in commerce through the treaty which has at last been ratified by the French senate. This is the view well set forth by the Montreal Shareholder, which contains the following very interesting article on the subject:—

"The opposition which was shown in France to the ratification of the treaty is of itself a proof that the concessions given to Canada were regarded there in a somewhat different light from views which prevailed and found expression here. The treaty is, certainly, calculated to increase trade between the two countries, inasmuch as it will among other benefits offer inducements to our manufacturers and producers to compete against all comers in that country. The advantages to the French exporter will be fully equal to those obtained by this country. In fact, other countries, among them the United States, realize already that it is calculated to cut the ground from under their feet. It is calculated that an average advantage of 33 per cent. is given to Canada on the articles in which the United States competes. This is a decided benefit and Canadian manufacturers should lose no time in availing themselves of the opportunity to establish quite an extended trade for themselves. Franco-American trade interests are, we are told, apprehensive, that the ratification of this treaty by the French senate will be followed by a complete readjustment of the Franco-Canadian trade, to the prejudice of the American trade in the markets of France. There is little doubt that its adoption will exercise a restricting influence on German trade in Canada, and that the increased influx of imports from France will take the place of much that was heretofore imported from Germany. We regard the new treaty as an improvement upon the existing one. While there are those who would prefer better terms than have been obtained in return for the concessions granted by Canada, they must remember that it is not what they prefer that we contracted for, but what the French chambers were willing to give. Time will prove the value to Canada of the treaty, which through a series of compromises may turn out more satisfactory than its opponents profess to believe. There is one thing, however, in connection with it that the Canadian people cannot afford to ignore, and that is that while it is a treaty between Great Britain and France, the negotiations respecting it were carried on by two members of Canada's ministry, Hon. Mr. Fielding, finance minister, and Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, whose administrative experience combined to fit them for the distinguished function they so successfully discharged."

The Toronto World asserts its belief that the federal cabinet would be a better cabinet if some of its members resigned. Lest this statement bring too great joy to the tory mind we may further quote the World:—"Finally, what is true of the government is more or less true of the opposition; discredited men—men with long years of discredit and in close connection with corporations—have chloroformed and do chloroform that body and hamper its fighting power and its inclination to force a progressive policy. Can't the opposition do some 'house-cleaning' too?"

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THE CALL OF BOYHOOD.

Come little boy, and let us stray
Out yonder where the wide fields are,
Where little rivers wind away,
And wooded hillsides stretch afar.
The sky is clear and blue, out there,
The turf is softly tinged with green;
Come, little boy, let's turn from care,
And stray out over yonder scene.

In every little hollow place
A sky-blue lake lies smooth as glass,
Where you may see your rosy face
Reflected as you pause or pass;
And here and there an awkward crow
Flaps aimlessly from tree to tree,
As if he did not care to go,
But went just so that you might see.

Come, let me play a while with you
Out yonder where the clear streams wind,
Out yonder where the sky is blue
And there in peace of heart and mind;
I will forget a little while
That I'm a careless child no more,
And we will bridge some stream and pile
Up fortresses along its shore.

Come, little boy, and let us win
The joy that waits for us out there,
Forgetting that men stoop to sin
And ceasing to be claimed by care;
We'll worship God by gleefully
Forgetting books and scorning trade
And by enjoying that which He
For our delight has gladly made.
—Chicago Record Herald.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A SONG OF A STATESMAN.

Life would be free from bitter thrills
If all we had to learn
Was to put through our favorite bills
And placidly adjourn.
—Washington Star.

SWEETLY SOLEMN THOUGHT.

Just because a woman doesn't thank a man for giving up a street car seat is no reason for thinking she is ill-bred. The man may be not very good-looking, or poor, or her husband, or something.—Cleveland News.

A BAD MISTAKE.

"A man made a terrible mistake yesterday."

"What was that?"

"I inadvertently asked Green how his baby was getting on, and he kept me an hour and a half answering the question."

GET THERE!

There's room enough on top for you,
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UNFORTUNATELY TRUE.

"Lots o' girls who think their face is their fortune, don't know how mighty night to bankruptcy they be."—Los Angeles Express.

THE TWO PIPERS.

He was a long-haired bard,
His daddy was a plumber;
All winter long dad labored hard—
The son worked spring and summer;
And though he saw some verse in type,
No payments came for days;
And dad makes more at laying pipe
Than the son makes piping lays.
—Chicago News.

THE INQUISITIVE CLERK.

Lady—"I've been expecting a packet of medicine by post for a week, and I haven't received it yet."

Post Office Clerk—"Yes, madam. Kindly fill in this form and state the nature of your complaint."

Lady—"Well, if you must know, it's biliousness!"—London Punch.

UNCLE EZRA SAYS.

"It is jest as well not to be up-to-date if you hev got to be up to ev'rything that goes with it."—Boston Herald.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Before marriage, a man will go through all sorts of contortions rather than let his sweetheart stoop over to pick up her own handkerchief; after marriage, he'll sit calmly in an arm chair and watch her move the piano about the room.

THE POOR MAN'S IDEA.

If only an inheritance
Would fall my way,
The tax that's causing so much fuss
I'd gladly pay.

FISHY.

Ha! These warm days disarm with their charm, all alarm
Of old winter's caprice and its ice,
And their call seems to thrall one and all my doubts small
And I'll need a day off in a trice,
For I dream of a stream all a-teem with the gleam
Of the fishing, half seen water sprite,
And lo! Though I know when I go they'll "Whoa!"
Yet I just can't help thinking "They'll bite."
—Kansas City Times.

HE SPOKE TOO SOON.

"Do you carry any fire insurance?"

"No, and I don't want any, either. There's the door."

"You're mistaken, friend, about not wanting any. I just dropped in to tell you that your house is on fire."

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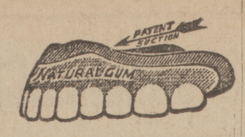
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FROZEN BODIES TELL OF TRAGEDY ON TRAIL

Starvation and Exhaustion Cause Death of Prospectors

(Victoria Colonist).

Forced to rob caches in order to sustain life and only debarred at the point of a gun from placing others in the same plight with themselves, the two propectors, Charles Baker and J. McCurdy, whose frozen bodies were discovered on February 24 near the head waters of the Goat River, sixty-six miles from Barkerville, were the principals in a tragedy of the trail in the north.

The information of the death of the prospectors was conveyed to the provincial police department by Reginald Randall, who wrote on February 28 to Superintendent Husey and was reported at the time. In his first communication Constable Randall stated that on December 29 last a party of four prospectors, Charles Baker, James McCurdy, William Spittal and Sam Henderson left Barkerville bound for Tete Jeune Cache, on the south fork of the Fraser River. The men had an inadequate supply of provisions, but expressed themselves confident that they would be able to make their objective point.

FROZEN BODIES FOUND.

From the time the four left Barkerville until February 24 nothing further was heard of them. On that date three dog-teamsters, John Goldie, Frank Allen and Russell Peden, came into Barkerville with the news that the frozen bodies of Baker and McCurdy had been discovered by them near the head waters of Goat river, sixty-six miles from Barkerville. The teamsters, who were on their return to Barkerville, after freighting in supplies for a timber cruising outfit, ran across the bodies lying on the trail. They could give no further particulars to Constable Randall other than to state that from a superficial examination it would appear that Baker and McCurdy had succumbed on or about February 12, after having become exhausted through lack of sufficient nourishment. Evidently the two had been endeavoring to get back to Barkerville but were unable, owing to their weak and exhausted condition, to withstand the severity of the weather.

MAKES INVESTIGATION

On the day on which Constable Randall sent in his first report the three teamsters were about to set out again on their return north with fresh supplies. Acordingly Peden was sworn in as a special constable and instructed to proceed to the spot where the bodies were first discovered, and make a careful examination of the remains, and if there appeared to be any signs of violence having been done to the two prospectors, to bring the bodies back to Barkerville, but if there was nothing to indicate a violent death to bury the bodies where they lay and bring back the effects of the two to Barkerville. Peden was also instructed to endeavor to find some trace of Spittal and Henderson, the companions of Baker and McCurdy.

Peden, acting under these instructions, went to the spot where the bodies were found and made a report to Constable Randall, who has forwarded the report to Superintendent Hussey here.

Peden reports that in company with Goldie and Aiken, his fellow teamsters, he made a careful examination of the two bodies but could find nothing which would indicate that the prospectors had met with foul play. He came to the conclusion that both men met death within a few hours of each other on or about February 12 last. The bodies were found to be in a very emaciated condition. The feet had evidently been frozen for some days prior to death, indicating that death had been the result of starvation and frost. The bodies were buried by Peden, near the summit trail at a point near the mouth of the McLeod river, a tributary of the Goat river.

STEAL FROM CACHES.

Peden also reports that from "signs" and information supplied him by a trapper named Steinhoff, trapping along the Fraser river, the four prospectors had camped at the mouth of the Goat river for a period of twenty-six days. They were then out of provisions and were living on what they could steal, breaking into caches and into three cabins erected by Steinhoff, who on one occasion was forced to protect his provisions at the point of his gun, otherwise he would have been left in the same plight as the four, for the provisions were but meagre and little more than sufficient for Steinhoff's own use. When the party of prospectors left the camp they pinned notices scrawled upon paper at the mouth of Goat river.

PARTY SEPARATES.

One notice stated that McCurdy and Baker had set out for Barkerville on February 1, with sufficient provisions to last four or five days, which would have been ample time for them to reach their destination if they had been in fit condition. That they could not endure the long tramp and the cold weather is evident, for they perished en route. Another notice posted by Spittal and Henderson before they left their camp at the mouth of Goat river stated that they had gone up the Fraser river in the direction of Tete Jeune Cache, the objective point of the party when it left Barkerville two months before. They took part of the stolen provisions with them, but whether they ever reached their destination, or what was their fate could not be ascertained by Peden. From the fact that Baker and McCurdy were so exhausted that they could not make their way back the sixty odd miles to Barkerville, it is believed that Spittal and Henderson would be in but little, if any, better condition and fears were expressed by Constable Randall that in all likelihood the other two have met the same fate as their companions.